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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Toshiki TARU, et al.

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: **RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**
: **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

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For: OPTICAL FIBER AND FIBER GRATING DEVICE

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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the final Office Action dated May 21, 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 5 are currently pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully solicited.

In the Office Action of May 21, 2003, claims 1 through 5 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Dong. The statement of the rejection is a repeat of the statement of rejection of these claims in the first Office Action, dated December 11, 2002. In addition, a response to the arguments submitted in the Amendment of March 11, 2003 was provided. The arguments and the remarks are summarized below.